

## Exhibit 6: Letters of Support



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February 7, 2005

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Sam Schuchat, Executive Director  
State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Acquisition of Soka University as State Parkland

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

The Upper Mandeville Canyon Association (UMCA) represents approximately 300 homes in Mandeville Canyon in the Santa Monica Mountains.

We strongly support the acquisition of the Soka/King Gillette Ranch in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains and Malibu Creek Watershed and urge the State Coastal Conservancy, the State Wildlife Conservation Board, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, the City of Agoura Hills and any other funding sources to commit the funds necessary to complete this resource-rich and historic acquisition.

Malibu Creek is the crown jewel of the Santa Monica Mountains. It is the most ecologically significant watershed in LA County, containing over 1.5 miles of blue line streams and a critical link in the connectivity of the Santa Monica Mountains Wildlife Corridor. Its panoramic vistas, rugged mountainscapes, oak woodlands, broad flat landscapes, rolling terrain, historic buildings, riparian corridors, and wildlife habitat linkages are irreplaceable. It is the missing link in our region's park system.

We would appreciate your support for this landmark preservation effort for this critical property which has long been identified as an extremely high priority for preservation in national, state and local park plans. Now that Soka is a willing seller, time is of the essence.

Sincerely,

Wendy-Sue Rosen, President  
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association

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March 1, 2005

Sam Schuchat  
Executive Director  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530  
Fax #: (510) 286-0470

Re: Support for Soka/King Gillette Ranch Acquisition  
Dear Mr. Schuchat,

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The 588-acre Soka/King Gillette Ranch is critical in maintaining the health of the ecosystem in the most ecologically significant watershed in Los Angeles County. Soka borders the nearly 8000-acre Malibu Creek State Park to the east and is located in the beautiful rural Las Virgenes Valley at the transition to Malibu Creek gorge. Stokes Canyon Creek is one of the streams which flow through the property. Plant communities such as Southern willow scrub, deemed threatened by the California Department of Fish and Game, Southern coast live oak riparian forest, and Sycamore alluvial woodland can still be found along portions of Stokes Canyon Creek.

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With your help, we have a unique opportunity to prevent ultimate urbanization of this critical property near the upper reaches of Malibu Canyon and less than five miles upstream from Malibu Lagoon and Surfrider Beach. Helping to fund the purchase of Soka will go a long way toward preventing further degradation of water quality in Malibu Creek and Lagoon and at Surfrider Beach. Thank you.

Onward and Upward

  
Pamela Conley Ulich  
Malibu City Councilmember (310) 435-7679 cell

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February 22, 2005

KARA KEMMLEK

Al Wright, Executive Director  
Wildlife Conservation Board

1807 13th St. #103

Sacramento CA 95814

VIA FACSIMILE TO (916) 323-0280.

Re support for Soka – the King Gillette Ranch Acquisition

Dear Director Wright and members of the Wildlife Conservation Board:

The Palisades Community Council voted at its last meeting to support the purchase of Soka/King Gillette. We strongly urge you to proceed with your generous offer to help purchase the resource-rich Soka/King Gillette Ranch located right in the heart of the Malibu Creek Watershed and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

The 588-acre Soka/King Gillette Ranch is critical in maintaining the health of the ecosystem in the most ecologically significant watershed in Los Angeles County. There are a large number of plant communities on this site, such as Southern willow scrub, deemed threatened by the California Department of Fish and Game, and also oak woodland, grassland, coastal sage, and riparian woodland and chaparral.

The purchase of this property is a unique opportunity to prevent ultimate urbanization near the upper reaches of Malibu Canyon and would provide an exceptional setting for outdoor and wildlife education.

Sincerely,



Norman Kulla, Chair

cc: Jack Weiss, Chairman, Santa Monica Bay Restoration  
Commission, 320 West 4th St, Suite 200, Los Angeles CA 90013  
VIA FACSIMILE TO (213) 576-6646.

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director, Coastal Conservancy, 1330  
Broadway, 11th floor, Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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**Temescal Canyon Association**  
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February 20th, 2005

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director, Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> floor,  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re support for Soka – the King Gillette Ranch Acquisition

Dear Executive Director Schuchat and Members of the Coastal Conservancy:

I strongly urge you to proceed with your generous offer to help purchase the resource-rich Soka/King Gillette Ranch located right in the heart of the Malibu Creek Watershed and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. After nearly thirty years of effort, we cannot let this incredible opportunity to finally save this stunning natural and cultural treasure pass us by. If not acquired, this property which is only a few hundred yards from the head of Malibu Canyon, will eventually be developed, generating urban runoff which will drain into Malibu Canyon and the lagoon.

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Sincerely, *Carol Leacock*  
Carol Leacock, President

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February 22, 2005

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Sam Schuchat, Executive Director  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway 11th Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Re: Acquisition of Soka/King Gillette Ranch

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

Your help is needed for the critical acquisition of this property, it depends on all of us for our support to protect this unusual area.

We strongly urge you to assist in this opportunity to purchase this resource-rich Soka/King Gillette Ranch located in the heart of the Malibu Creek Watershed and the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area. The 588-acre Soka/King Gillette Ranch is critical in preserving this cultural resource of the natural habitat of our wildlife, its oak ringed meadows, the valley oak savannah, coastal sage scrub and the spectacular vistas are unequaled anywhere else in the region.

Our group the Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore have promoted the beauty and conservation of the Santa Monica Mountains through our art, with exhibits and donations from our sales going towards the preservation of these scenic locations and we support the educational programs.

This is truly the "most important unprotected property in the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area." Hope you will join us with your support.

Sincerely,

*Pat Ryan*

Pat Ryan, President

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*California Native Plant Society*  
Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

15811 Leadwell St.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
February 15, 2005

San Schuchat  
Executive Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear San Schuchat:

The Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society seeks California Coastal Conservancy support for the public acquisition of the King Gillette Ranch property from Soka University. This unspoiled 588 acres will provide connectivity to Malibu Creek, Malibu Creek State Park and Malibu Lagoon and will preserve much needed valley oak woodland that provides habitat for a rich variety of plants and wildlife.

The property has great cultural value as it is the site of a prehistoric Chumash village. By contributing \$5.5 million to the purchase fund, you will ensure the preservation of this environmental and cultural treasure for all future Californians to enjoy. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to plug a hole that has too long existed in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains National Park System.

Our Chapter as well as individual members have contributed to the purchase. Please join us in this effort.

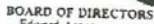
Sincerely,



Snowy Dodson, Vice President  
Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

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February 14, 2005

*ELENA*

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

Every time I cruise by the lush meadows of Soka University, located on Mulholland Highway and Las Virgenes Canyon, I spot a deer or two grazing peacefully. This soothing stretch of green long enjoyed by thousands of motorists, bikers and hikers will soon be lost to developers if Californians don't band together to purchase the land and make it a part of the Santa Monica Conservancy by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Malibu Lagoon is another favorite haunt that will be adversely affected if the funds are not raised to buy Soka in time to prevent it from going into the wrong hands. A myriad of birds congregate in the lagoon, one of the last wetlands we have in Southern California. Malibu Creek flows to the lagoon and Surf Rider Beach where I swim. Please don't allow these sacred places that I go to re-connect with nature be destroyed by the inevitable pollutants generated by a commercial endeavor.

Sincerely,

*Linda Ballou*  
Linda Ballou

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P.O. Box 6061-233, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

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Executive Director  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway  
11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

*Elena Fokk*

Allen D. Frankel  
301 Marguerita Avenue  
Santa Monica, CA 90402

February 13, 2005

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

Because of the vital need to preserve the Soka land for the continued protection of the Malibu Creek watershed, the Malibu Creek steelhead, the Malibu Lagoon and the water quality at Surfrider Beach, I urgently request that you support the \$5.5 million towards the cost of acquiring Soka. The wide variety of habitats (oak woodland, grassland, oak savanna, coastal sage, chaparral, and riparian woodland) according to scientific studies by biologists and others proves too valuable to leave to development. Also, with wildlife in abundance a development on this Soka land would obviously be inappropriate. The existing historical building since it poses no threat must be preserved and used as a visitor's center since it is centrally located in the Santa Monica Mountains and people can learn all about natural science that includes the uniqueness of this area.

For the above reasons Soka would better serve the public need as an important part of the Santa Mountains Mountains park system.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,

*Allen D. Frankel*  
Allen D. Frankel

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Susan R. Ellis  
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January 24, 2005

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2350  
Via fax 510/286-0470

Re: Support for the Acquisition of Soka - The King Gillette Ranch

Dear Mr. Schuchat and Members of the Conservancy,

I strongly support the acquisition of Soka - The King Gillette Ranch. Soka is an irreplaceable cultural and natural treasure in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and simply cannot be lost.

The riparian valley with gently rolling hills, blue line streams, oak woodlands, coastal sage scrub and grasslands all surrounded by magnificent mountain scenery is a jewel.

The property's graceful mission era buildings and courtyard should be preserved and would be wonderful for cultural events and educational programs.

I urge you to allocate \$4.5 million in order to be a partner in this magnificent purchase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Susan R. Ellis

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*HOWARD H KAYTON  
3356 McLaughlin Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90066-2005*

February 22, 2005

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Director  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

*KHR*

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

Re: Support for Acquisition of Soka

I strongly encourage the Conservancy to contribute to the acquisition of the Soka property by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. This property is so vital to the preservation of the Malibu Creek watershed, and the Malibu Lagoon. In addition to preserving one of the prettiest sites in the Santa Monica mountains, your contribution will also help reduce the pollution of the Bay by taking a potential pollution source out of the private domain.

I understand that you will be considering a contribution of \$5.5 million toward the \$35 million needed for this acquisition. This is a very important acquisition, and I encourage your group to take this step on Mar. 10.

Sincerely,

  
Howard H Kayton



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February 21, 2005

Mr. Sam Schuchat  
Executive Director, Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Soka Acquisition

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

We urge your Conservancy to support the purchase of the Soka property with the \$5.5 million that your staff will be seeking.

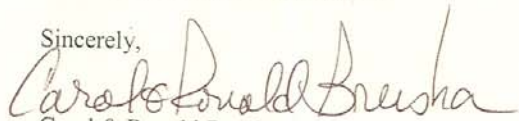
The Malibu Creek watershed is an important area that needs to be preserved and the Soka property is critical to this preservation. Malibu Creek is the largest coastal stream under public protection south of Big Sur. There are sensitive resources and endangered species within this area, one of which is the Malibu Creek steelhead population. The habitat is magnificent with oak woodland, grassland, oak savanna, coastal sage, riparian woodland and an abundance of wildlife.

Soka is only a few hundred yards upstream from the head of Malibu Canyon and if it is not acquired, the property will eventually become an urban development generating the usual urban runoff of fertilizers, pesticides, street oils and other contaminants. These will drain into Malibu Canyon and lagoon, which is a short distance downstream.

We need to protect the area and the acquisition of Soka is vital.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Carol & Ronald Brusha  
1400 Cleveland Road  
Glendale CA 91202

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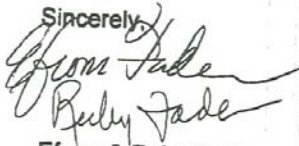
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Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Schuchat:

Please assist with the funding to buy the resource-rich Soka/King Gillette Ranch located right in the heart of the Malibu Creek watershed and a major coastal mountain range. We can not let this opportunity pass us by again. This is a natural preserve.

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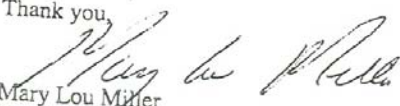
  
Mary Lou Miller  
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Sam Schuchat  
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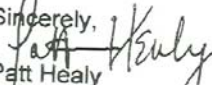
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David Kalifon

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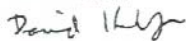
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David Kalifon



Elizabeth Kalifon



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RALPH WAYCOTT

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Ralph and Edon Waycott

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FEBRUARY 18TH, 2005

KARA KEMMLER

BRUCE CAMPBELL  
614 GRETNA GREEN WAY  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90049

HONORABLE SAM SCHUCHAT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY  
1330 BROADWAY, 11TH FLOOR  
OAKLAND, CA 94612-2430

RE: URGENT NEED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION OF THE "SOKA PROPERTY"

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCHUCHAT:

I EMPHATICALLY IMPORE YOU TO MAKE THE ACQUISITION AND PROTECTION OF THE 600 ACRE PARCEL NEAR MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK -- KNOWN AS THE "SOKA PROPERTY" -- THE PRIORITY FOR ACQUISITION FUNDING FOR YOUR STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY.

EVERYONE FROM EMINENT BIOLOGISTS TO FORMER INTERIOR SECRETARY BABBITT HAVE REALIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS SITE FOR WILDLIFE, FOR NATIVE FISH, AND FOR RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS BY VISITORS. THIS SITE WITH ITS MANY MEADOWS IS PRIME HABITAT FOR DEER, SOME PREDATORS, AND FOR OTHER SPECIES DUE TO ITS PROXIMITY TO BOTH MALIBU CREEK (AND MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK) AS WELL AS IT BEING VERY CLOSE TO THE "BACKBONE TRAIL."

EXAMINING THE SITUATION FROM THE WATERSHED LEVEL, IT IS VERY SENSIBLE TO ACQUIRE THE SOKA PROPERTY. LOTS OF STATE TAXPAYER FUNDS WERE SPENT TO ACQUIRE THE ANIMANSON RANCH AT UPPER MALIBU CREEK / LAS VIRGENES CREEK VICINITY. THERE IS INTEREST IN TAKING OUT A DAM TO ALLOW A MORE NATURAL FLOW AND HELP THE STRUGGLING STEELHEAD POPULATION IN THIS SOUTHEASTERN MOST HABITAT. AND FINALLY, DUE TO QUALITY OF WATER CONCERNS, AS WELL AS RECENT FOCUS ON RESTORATION OF THE MALIBU LAGOON AT THE MALIBU CREEK MOUTH, IT MAKES UNDENIABLE TO ACQUIRE THE SOKA JEWEL IN THIS WATERSHED.

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO MY CONCERNS.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
*Bruce Campbell*  
BRUCE CAMPBELL

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Kara

February 12, 2005

Mr. Sam Schuchat, Executive Director  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Soka

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

Please contribute at least \$5.5 million toward helping acquire the Soka property in the Santa Monica Mountains. We have an opportunity to protect this large beautiful property from almost certain dense urban development and its attendant damage to Malibu Creek and Lagoon.

Without your help, we may lose this chance forever, and pesticides and motor vehicle oil and fertilizers will drain into the largest coastal stream under public protection south of Big Sur, Malibu Creek.

Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,



Robert Van Santen

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KARA KEMM LEE

2/17/05

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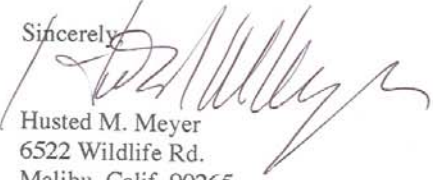
Dear Mr. Schuchat:

I write to urge your generous contribution of 5.5 million dollars towards the purchase of the Santa Monica Mountains land currently held by Soka University. I live nearby and am very aware of the contribution to wildlife habitat made by this beautiful piece of ground. Its location is central to terrestrial wildlife movement and food sources, but of great importance to me, it includes parts of Malibu Creek, vital habitat to the endangered So. California Steelhead. Development would destroy this area so important to wildlife. Soka is also adjacent to major Chumash village sites, we do not want to lose these sites

I'm on the Management Committee of the Southern California Steelhead Coalition, past President of Wilderness Fly Fishers, a 40 year resident of Malibu, and vitally interested in preserving the beautiful Santa Monica Mountains.

We covet your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Husted M. Meyer  
6522 Wildlife Rd.  
Malibu, Calif. 90265

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-----Original Message-----

From: Valerie [mailto:valiburkholder@earthlink.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:28 AM

To: sschuchat@scc.ca.gov

Subject: Save the Soka Property

Dear Sam Schuchat:

The Soka property adjacent to Calabasas is in danger of urbanization. Nearby communities have fallen prey to developers, changing from pure mountains to unsightly cityscapes. This should not be the pristine Soka property's fate. However, the land consists of over 200 acres of flat land that could easily be densely developed.

If Soka is protected, however, there will be no fertilizers, pesticides, garbage, car oils, or any other urban pollutants to drain into Malibu Creek, which drains into the dangerously polluted Malibu Lagoon. Malibu Creek is the longest protected coastal stream in Southern California. The Malibu Creek watershed houses two species of endangered fish, the tidewater Goby and the Southern Steelhead. This is a significant area that must be preserved to retain the quality of the ocean and the streams. Please contribute your \$2.5 million grant to preserve the exquisite Soka property.

Sincerely,

Valerie Burkholder

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25432 MALIBU ROAD  
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Santa Monica, CA 90403

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Sincerely,

Theresa Tuchman  
26044 Pacific Coast Highway  
Malibu, CA 90265



February 28, 2005

California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Soka/King Gillette Ranch Acquisition (Item 13, 3/10/05 Agenda)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We strongly urge the Conservancy to assist in the cooperative purchase of a portion of the Soka/King Gillette Ranch property by approving the proposal for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. Indeed, it is a rare thing for the Conservancy to have the opportunity to help secure such a vital piece of the Santa Monica Bay's watershed puzzle so close to a major metropolitan area. Your support at this time is critical.

Overcrowding of our urban areas, the lack of affordable housing, and other such growth-related matters are difficult issues that policy makers deal with on a daily basis. Achieving the proper balance between development and preservation is a delicate thing.

On the one hand, Southern California is a very desirable place to live. Restricting growth has many negative and often unintended consequences. The highest and best use of much of the property near the ocean is for owners to develop those areas. Such development can prevent families from being deprived of housing, and of the standard of living they could have if they did not have to pay for sky-high rents or home prices due to an artificially induced scarcity of housing through regulation.

On the other hand, allowing development of certain properties has the potential to negatively impact a nearly exponentially greater number of people that the property itself can support. One such example is the watershed for the Santa Monica Bay. As the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission points out in its 2004 report, human population growth continues to be a major problem for the health of the Bay. "More people can mean more waste, and greater potential for pollutants to enter the bay through sources like wastewater, urban and storm water runoff, and litter."

This parcel is also a vital habitat for fish, waterfowl, wading birds, raptors and other water associated wildlife. The area also contains outstanding representative plant communities of valley oak savannah, coast live oak savannah, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, riparian woodland and southern willow riparian vegetation.

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Thus, the Soka/King Gillette Ranch property is among in the most ecologically significant areas in Los Angeles County. It is a key piece of the 110 square mile watershed along Malibu Creek, and as such is worthy of protection.

The question then becomes how best to preserve this vital property. Here again it is important to appreciate this rare opportunity to protect such an economically valuable portion of our ecosystem for the public, with the willing participation of the seller.

Fortunately, this endeavor to acquire the Soka/King Gillette Ranch is a public-private partnership. It is also fortunate that an agency such as the Commission exists, which carries as part of its mission the fostering of such joint ventures. By combining the resources of agencies such as the Conservancy, together with private entities like the Mountains Restoration Trust and others, the acquisition of the Soka/King Gillette Ranch can be a tremendous example of a cooperative effort that successfully secured an environmentally important property.

The Soka/King Gillette Ranch will be an important part of your long-term effort to realize preserve, protect and restore the California coast, and we urge you to allocate the funds proposed for its acquisition.

Sincerely yours,

DAVID N. PEVSNER  
SHARON E. PEVSNER

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Onward and Upward,

Pamela Conley Ulich  
Malibu City Councilmember (310) 435-7679 cell  
Pamela Conley Ulich, Esq.



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## ***Cold Creek Community Council***

P.O. Box 8066 Calabasas, California 91372

March 1, 2005

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Executive Officer  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612-2530  
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Re: Support for Soka/King Gillette Ranch Acquisition

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Cynthia Maxwell  
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Malibu Park Homeowners Association, Est. 1963

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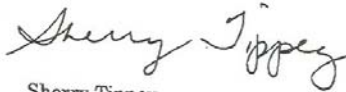
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February 28-, 2005  
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Thank you for your support.

Mary Ann Webster, Chair, Santa Monica Mountains Task Force, Sierra Club  
9950 Farragut Drive, Culver City, CA 90232

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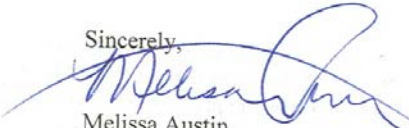
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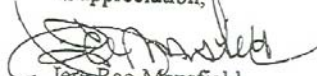
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The 588-acre Soka/King Gillette Ranch is critical in maintaining the health of the ecosystem in the most ecologically significant watershed in Los Angeles County. Soka borders the nearly 8000-acre Malibu Creek State Park to the east and is located in the beautiful rural Las Virgenes Valley at the transition to Malibu Creek gorge. Stokes Canyon Creek is one of the streams which flow through the property. Plant communities such as Southern willow scrub, deemed threatened by the California Department of Fish and Game, Southern coast live oak riparian forest, and Sycamore alluvial woodland can still be found along portions of Stokes Canyon Creek.

Just south of the property, Stokes Canyon Creek joins Malibu Creek, which drains into Malibu Lagoon. The lower portions of Malibu Creek and the lagoon are home to the Southern steelhead trout and the tidewater goby, two federally-listed endangered species. The survival of these endangered species depends on the health of Malibu Creek. Should Rindge Dam be removed, the Southern steelhead trout could once again swim to the upper reaches of the Malibu Creek Watershed, which were once, its home.

With your help, we have a unique opportunity to prevent ultimate urbanization of this critical property near the upper reaches of Malibu Canyon and less than five miles upstream from Malibu Lagoon and Surfrider Beach. Helping to fund the purchase of Soka will go a long way toward preventing further degradation of water quality in Malibu Creek and Lagoon and at Surfrider Beach. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Leslie & Barbara Moss*

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